

Stonington - Monday evening

Dear Mary -

I suppose you have before this received my Sunday letter that I sent by Mr Hobart - I say you but I believe it was addressed to Deborah - & I enclosed one from the "Sick Lady" herself to her husband -

She continues better but does not mend as fast as I at one time thought she would - her appetite does not come - & what she does take does not seem to suit her too well - She is very susceptible of sound - the faculty of hearing seems wonderfully increased in power - Mrs Hobart, the lady who took my last, & who was stopping here ill, on her way from Baltimore, tells me that it is always the case, she has known many cases of this kind of fever - & it generally leaves the ears very acute - a short time she says will wear it away - She dwelt so much on the dangers of relapse that she absolutely frightened me - We still continue to administer the Pulep - & have given Pil. & infusion of Senna since -

& abundance of Valerian - occasionally - Dovers powder (I thought you would feel interested in the medicinal treatment) - last night she had a quite good night - slept 2 or 3 hours at a time I should think - but still it is not the sound sleep she requires - she wakes with a start - & a little unpleasant warmth - I suppose this is weakness -

To day she wanted Mrs Almy's child brought in, but

the little dot looked so different from her own that
I think he did not comfort her any -

Wm Dr Hyde paid us a visit Sunday -
he is an original - but I should prefer "the Son" I
think -

I am taking great care of myself but I feel the
effects of recent excitement very sensibly - The distress-
ing season that I have lived through, has not only
enfeebled me & made me somewhat liable to
agitation, but has given that sort of blow to my
serenity, that I suppose it ought to receive - I
hear about with me a sense of unsafety - &
a weight oppresses my spirits that I am obliged
to throw off by an effort - I shall be glad enough
to get home - not that it is disagreeable to me
to be here, or indeed - no circumstances - ~~could~~
have added to my grief had Maria's illness termi-
nated as we feared - and I will not let cir-
cumstances - fret me in the least now - when I
ought to feel only thankfulness & peace -

Mrs Allen is well & her kindness and attention
are unremitted -

To-day I was invited by the Ladies to accom-
pany them on a fishing excursion in a boat -
it looked pleasant enough, but I have grown so
prudent that I declined, I was not much afraid
of drowning - but thought that I should be liable
to take cold as I had been so long confined in a
"close room" - I went however with a party this

afternoon to fish over the side of the Steam boat as
she lies at the wharf — it was pleasant — but
the fog soon drove us away —

We have some new people here but none
particularly interesting —

I have found some time to read & work — have
read all the new novels — Mrs Allen gets them
from her friend, Bennett — & Mrs Luther lent
me some — I hope next time I write to be
able to say something about getting home but
do not dare to mention it to day as Maria is all
ready to start at a minutes warning & if I should
give her any encouragement would not stay at all
& I do not think it would be safe as long as she
is constantly requiring medicine & the present
appearances remain — I have pleasure
however in stating that we were much
more satisfied with the results of her doses
to day than we were on Saturday —

You will easily see that my letter is not designed
for the public — & it needs apology even to you
I hope all goes on well in Boston — My most affection-
ate respects are to your Father & Mother — Maria
thinks much of you all — & sends much love but
I do not ask her for messages after the morning is over
lest it should put her in mind to write herself
which tries her very much tho' she does not think so —
Love to Henry, Ann, Ed — & the children — Ann Perry
& believe me dear Mary yours very affectionately & truly
Caroline Weston

do continue to write, for Annie is very anxious
to hear - & would be glad to get the on this from
the children. I your letters are a great refreshment
I thought last night we were to have none, but
some one opened the door of our room in the night
Mrs Allen was closing in her chair & threw in the parcel
without disturbing any one - Annie heard the door
unlatched - in the morning Mrs. Amy said, they -
knocked gently once - but thought - we were all asleep
& she would trust them in - it was quite an event - finally
them -

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